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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Gerald B. Eaton, et al.

Application Serial No.: 10/826,580

Filed: April 16, 2004

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POLALPHAOLEFIN DRAG REDUCING  
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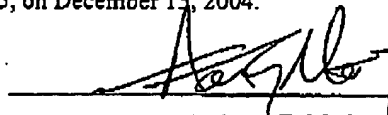
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Attorney Docket No. 153922

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPTCommissioner for Patents  
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37 C.F.R. § 1.6

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Anthony F. Matheny

Dear Sir:

On July 6, 2004, Applicant received a Filing Receipt in the above-referenced provisional patent application. In the section of the Filing Receipt entitled "Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant," the application from which the present application claims priority, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09,877,341 (the "parent application") was noted as "ABN." However, at the time of the issuance of the Filing Receipt, the parent application was deemed abandoned due to an error by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Due to the Office's error, on October 27, 2003, Applicant filed a petition to request that the notice of abandonment be withdrawn. On November 29, 2004, the Office granted Applicant's petition. A copy of the Office's Decision is attached hereto. As a result, the parent application is no longer deemed abandoned by the Office. Therefore,

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Applicant respectfully requests that a Corrected Filing Receipt be issued noting that the parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09,877,341, is currently pending. A copy of the Filing Receipt showing the proposed correction is enclosed.

In the event any additional information is required by the Office to expedite the issuance of the Corrected Filing Receipt, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at 713-220-4168.

Date: December 15, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



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In re application of:

Gerald B. Eaton et al

Serial No. 09/877,341

Filed: June 08, 2001

For: DRAG REDUCTION AGENT SLURRIES HAVING ALFOL,  
ALCOHOLS AND PROCESSES FOR FORMING DRAG REDUCING  
AGENT SLURRIES USING ALFOL ALCOHOLS :

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: DECISION ON  
: PETITION

This is a response to the REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT, filed October 27, 2003. The request asks that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of October 16, 2003, for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter dated January 09, 2003 be withdrawn. The requester asserts that applicants timely filed a proper response on April 03, 2003.

**DECISION**

The instant request is accepted as a timely petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee).

A review of the petitioner's evidence provided with the instant petition indicates that the request has merit. The evidence presented is sufficient to establish that the applicants did file the proper response to the Office letter of January 09, 2003 in a timely manner. The evidence provided includes: 1) copies of the Response (i.e. an Amendment and a Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with a Form 1449A) with an executed Certificate of Mailing on April 03, 2003; and 2) a copy of the returned stamped postcard confirming receipt of the Response by the USPTO dated April 08, 2003.

Therefore, the abandonment is hereby withdrawn, and the application is returned to

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pending status. The application will be forwarded to the Technical Support Staff for entering of the Response dated April 03, 2003 and then forwarded to the examiner for prompt consideration.

The Petition is **GRANTED.**

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## Applicant(s)

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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CIP of 09/877,341 06/08/2001 ABN

## Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 06/28/2004

Projected Publication Date: 10/07/2004

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

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## Title

Alcohol absorbed polyalphaolefin drag reducing agents

**Preliminary Class**

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